

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the abstract of the disclosure with the following amended abstract (the text of any added material is shown in **bold and underline**, and the text of any deleted matter is shown by ~~striketrough~~, except that double brackets [[]] placed before and after the deleted characters may be used to show deletion of five or fewer consecutive characters):

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE (Amended)

An exhaust pipe collecting structure for a multi-cylinder engine unit having multiple cylinders ~~comprises~~ **including** a first exhaust pipe group and a second exhaust pipe group, each of which is ~~comprised of~~ **has** two exhaust pipes selected from four exhaust pipes respectively connected to the four cylinders; a first exhaust sub-collecting pipe cast integrally with the first exhaust pipe group, a second exhaust sub-collecting pipe cast integrally with the second exhaust pipe group, a first joint portion located at a downstream end portion of the first exhaust sub-collecting pipe, and a second joint portion located at a downstream end portion of the second exhaust sub-collecting pipe.